

REMARKS

Claims 120, 122, 127-130, and 141, 142, 144, 145, 147-149, 151-161 and 167-171 are presently pending in the application. Claims 120, 122, 127, 144, 145, and 147 are independent claims.

Claims 124, 143, 146, 150 and 162-166 have been canceled. Claim 145 has been amended to delete "molecular or anionic species." No new matter has been added by these amendments, and entry is respectfully requested. It is submitted that these amendments are proper after final since they are mainly formal in nature and/or were suggested by the Examiner, and will place the application in condition for allowance.


In the Advisory Action dated December 6, 2005, the Examiner has objected to claims 124, 143, 145, 146, 149, 150, 157 and 161-166; the remaining claims are allowable. While not necessarily agreeing with the rationale behind the Examiner's objection to claims 124, 143, 146, 150, and 162-166, these claims have been canceled in order to advance the prosecution of this application and obtain a Notice of Allowance. Accordingly, any objections to these claims are rendered moot.

Further, the Examiner has objected to claim 145 as being directed to non-elected subject matter, since the claim recites that the macrocycle is complexed to other than a halide ion. By this amendment, claim 145 has been amended to positively recite that the macrocycle is complexed to a halide anion. Accordingly, the objection to claim 145 is respectfully requested.

In view of the preceding Amendments and Remarks, it is respectfully submitted that all of the pending claims are in compliance with § 112, patentable, distinct from the prior art of record, and in condition for allowance. A Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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